

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

1. LUIS GINES PEREZ,  
2. EFREN ANDRADES,  
3. RICARDO MELENDEZ PEREZ,  
Defendants.

**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT**

Criminal No. 98-164(DRD)

VIOLATIONS: T. 21 U.S.C., Section  
952(a), T. 21 U.S.C., Section  
841(a)(1), 846; T. 18, U.S.C.,  
Section 1111, 924(j) and 2; T. 31  
U.S.C. Section 5324(3), 5322(b)  
and 2; T.18, U.S.C., Section  
1956(a)(1)(B)(i)

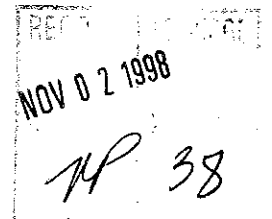
The Grand Jury charges:

**COUNT ONE**

From on or about June 1997 through about July 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico and elsewhere, defendants,

**LUIS GINES PEREZ,  
EFREN ANDRADES, and  
RICARDO MELENDEZ PEREZ,**

and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and unlawfully conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other to knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute and to distribute multi-kilograms the exact amount unknown, of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of Heroin, and of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of Cocaine, a Schedule I and II Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance. All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, §846.



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**OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY**

It was one of the objects of the conspiracy that the defendants and their co-conspirators would plan was to possess with intent to distribute, and would possess with intent to distribute, multi-kilogram quantities of heroin and cocaine, and that once imported into the United States, that is Puerto Rico, would be further distributed.

It was one of the objects of the conspiracy that the defendants and their co-conspirators would distribute heroine and cocaine and thereby derive substantial income from their illegal activities.

It was one of the objects of the conspiracy that the defendants would assist in arranging for the illegally obtained United States currency, representing proceeds of heroine and cocaine to be laundered to prevent the detection of the heroin and cocaine distribution.

**MANNER AND MEANS USED TO FURTHER  
THE OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY**

Among the means used by the defendants and their co-conspirators to carry out the objects of the conspiracy and to ensure the success of their criminal organization were the following:

1. It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants and their co-conspirators would distribute the heroin and cocaine.
2. It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants and their co-conspirators would arrange for the illegally obtained United States currency from the sales of heroin

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and cocaine to be transferred to South America, St. Martin and elsewhere via wire transfers in an attempt to conceal the heroin and cocaine trafficking and the amounts derived therefrom.

**OVERT ACTS**

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to the effect the objects thereof, the defendants and co-conspirators committed, among others, the following overt acts in the District of Puerto Rico and elsewhere:

1. On or about July 6, 1998, Luis Gines Perez and Efren Andrades and others to the Grand Jury known and unknown, while aiding and abetting each other did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute approximately one and four tenths kilograms (1.4KG) (gross weight) of heroin, a Schedule I Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance.

2. On or about July 14, 1998, Luis Gines Perez did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute approximately fifty-eight and three tenths grams (58.3 grams)(gross weight) of heroin, a Schedule I Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance.

3. On or about July 1, 1998, Luis Gines Perez assisted by Ricardo Melendez Perez, shot and killed Miguel Huertas, because they believed that Miguel Huertas had stolen money from the proceeds of their heroin and cocaine trafficking.

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4. During the relevant time periods herein, the defendants and other co-conspirators would obtain heroin, which they further distributed, via suitcases which were sent to them which had the heroin concealed in the lining of said suitcases.

5. From on or about February 9, 1998, to February 11, 1998, Luis Gines Perez, Ricardo Melendez Perez and others, wire transferred and caused to be wire transferred, approximately \$36,470 from Puerto Rico to St. Martin.

**COUNT TWO**

On or about July 1, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico, the defendants

**LUIS GINES PEREZ and  
RICARDO MELENDEZ PEREZ,**

aiding and abetting each other, in the course of knowingly carrying and using a firearm, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code § 921(a)(3), during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: a conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute heroin, and cocaine a Schedule I and II, Controlled Drug Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code §846, as alleged in Count One, incorporated herein by reference did cause the death of Miguel Huertas through the use of such firearm, which is killing is first-degree murder as defined in Title 18, United States Code §1111, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code §§924(j) and (2).

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**COUNT THREE**

On or about July 6, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico, the defendants,

**LUIS GINES PEREZ, and  
EFREN ANDRADES,**

and other to the Grand Jury known and unknown, while aiding and abetting each other did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute approximately one and four tenths kilograms (1.4KG) (gross weight) of Heroin, a Schedule I Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about July 14, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico, the defendant,

**LUIS GINES PEREZ,**

did knowingly, willfully and unlawfully possess, in or affecting commerce, a firearm, to wit: a Walther PPK.380, Serial No. 332363, having been convicted on February 26, 1997, in the Federal Court of the District of Puerto Rico for a violation of Title 31, United States Code, Section 5316, 5322 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

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**COUNT FIVE**

On or about July 14, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico, the defendant,

**LUIS GINES**

did knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully possess with intent to distribute approximately fifty-eight and three tenths grams (58.3 grams) (gross weight) of heroin, a Schedule I, Narcotic Drug Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, 841(a)(1).

**COUNT SIX THROUGH TWELVE**

From on or about February 9 through February 11, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico defendants,

**LUIS GINES PEREZ AND  
RICARDO MELENDEZ PEREZ**

aided and abetted by each other and others to the Grand Jury known and unknown did knowingly and willfully conduct and attempt to conduct a financial transaction affecting interstate and foreign commerce, to wit, wire transfer of funds, which involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, that is trafficking in heroin and cocaine knowing that the transaction was designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise, the nature, location, source, ownership and control of the proceeds of said specified unlawful activity and that while conducting and attempting to conduct such financial transaction knew that the property involved in the financial transaction that is, the wire transferred funds, in the amounts set forth below, represented the proceeds of some

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form of unlawful activity.

COUNT	DATE	APPROX. DOLLAR AMOUNT
Six (6)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Seven (7)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Eight (8)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Nine (9)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Ten (10)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Eleven (11)	February 9, 1998	\$5,000.00
Twelve (12)	February 11, 1998	\$5,000.00

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and 2.

**COUNT THIRTEEN**

From on or about February 9 through February 11, 1998, in the District of Puerto Rico and elsewhere, the defendants,

**LUIS GINES PEREZ and  
RICARDO MELENDEZ PEREZ**

did knowingly, and willfully and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of Section 5313(a) of Title 31, United States Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, structure, assist in structuring and attempt to structure and assist in structuring the payment of \$35,000 in U.S. currency to Western Union, by breaking the amount into seven separate payments of \$5,000 each, over a three day period.

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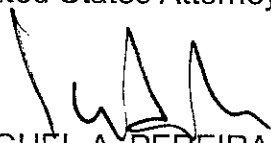
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All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, §§5324(3) and 5322(b), and Title 18,  
United States Code §2.


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